FARM NOTES.

An Underground Milkhouse.

H. Stewart, in the Country Gentleman, describes a convenient milkcupied by the stairway and a table in the future. or bench. The wall is kept white by an occasional whitewashing or kalsomining, and this keeps the cellar sweet. If the air becomes damp at any time, a peck of fresh lime may be placed in it, and as it will still be dry, it will be found very useful in maintaining the requisite moderate moisture of the air. The breezy night.

make preparatons. In the South, slight expense. by using a little care, hatching may atively easy to hatch chickens in casing. March even in the North, by proin matter that will nourish growth pense. in flesh and bone as well as in fat. The framework must be laid before fattening process begins. If this is fit them for the market.

Carding Stock.

of his live stock. He must not only Of course it is to be eaten cold. breed so as to improve his herd in general, but he must give such care that he may make the most profit out of every individual member of that herd. There is nothing that will pay better, for the time and has fed stock with the idea in view it helps to lay on fat; it promotes the health by keeping the coat soft Besids all this, a herd that is kept in this way is more pleasant to look at. They become tame by the hand ling, so that one can approach them in the field or yard. Not only cattle, but hogs are pleased to receive such treatment. I give them frequent brushings, which tend to keep them clean and promote their genercare of my stock .- Rural New Yorker.

How Insufficient Food Stunts.

Experiment at the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois: Four small pigs, averaging fifteen four to six weeks old, were given as a preliminary ration as much cornwith the beef, let it boil up, then put into a deep dish or mould and buy. Hoping to have a share of your lot weighed forty-one pounds and breakfast lunch or tea dish. were fed all the skim milk they would drink which was five pounds per day. They made no gain, wine best to drink; old friends best The other lot were fed all the corn- to trust.

meal and skim milk they cared for. Smith's Improved Water Elevator. JOHN of skim milk (three pounds per day) and thirty-seven pounds of cornmeal, gaining thirteen and a half pounds. They were again placed together and house: An underground milkhouse fed the same food for eight weeks. should be made twelve feet deep in During this period they altogether dry, well drained ground, or on a consumed 344 pounds of cornmeal hillside of suitable character. The and 336 pounds of skim-milk, the lower part should be nine feet deep milk being discontinued the last two and walled with brick or stone. One weeks. Those which had previously twelve feet square will be ample for been on skim-milk diet for two weeks a dairy of twenty cows or less. gained 39 pounds, while those which Beams are laid in the walls for the had been fed cornmeal with milk all floor of the upper cellar. A trap the time gained 71 pounds, or 32 door and an open stairway is made pounds in favor of the latter. This in this floor at one side, and a square simple experiment shows that a litopening in the center, covered with the cause may produce serious reglass, to admit some light. This sults, and that continuous good feedopening is protected with a safe rail- ing is necessary to keep the growing ing. The shelves are ranged around animal in a condition to make the three sides, the other side being oc- most of foods which may be given it

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Rag Silk Portieres.

In almost every family where there are children or young people, absorb seven pounds of water and if one is economical in saving pieces | Foundry and Machine Shops of silk from dresses, basques, necties, old hat inings, parasol covers, churning may be done in the upper etc., quite a large quantity can soon cellar, which is three feet below the be gathered. A very nice and useground level and has a board roof to ful way of making them serviceable protect it from the sun. The win- is to convert them into portieres. dow should be on the north side, and As this style of covering doorways a ventilating door should be made with curtains is becoming more and in the ceiling of this room. If the more general, this end can be securcellar should become too warm at ed at comparatively small cost and any time the air may be cooled by carrying into it a block of ice; any moisture in the air which may be condensed by this decrease of temany time the air may be cooled by with no great outlay of labor. Those perature will be quickly taken up by they can be gathered. Some cut the the lime. Experience will suggest silk in strips only half an inch wide, any desirable improvement upon unless the material is very thin, this plan, which has been found to when it must be wider; it makes no work excellent and to keep a very less work to cut them nearly an inch regular temperature during the hot- in width. They beat up less in test weather. It is necessary to be wearing if cut wide and show the cautious in ventilating such a cel- colors to better advantage. If cut lar. In the day time, when it should on the bias they will stretch more be kept closed, and if left open at than straight pieces, and allowance than straight pieces, and allowance must be made for this if uniform surface is to be secured. The very smallest pieces can also be turned to account in this work, as a hit-and-miss curtain is far the prettiest. If one has not enough bright silk, the etting them early to market when dullest pieces can be quickly colored.

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It requires three fourths of a commence in February, and as we pound of rags to a square yard, the get further North in March. In the warp is of triffing cost, and the weav-North chicks may be hatched most ing only about 30 cents a yard. A successively in March by means of very pretty portiere of this kind, an incubator and a brooder. But a made by a friend of mine, has a warm, equable place must be pro- strip of maroon plush, fifteen inches vided for the chicks. A little fire deep at the top, and the whole of the heat in the apartment where the chicks are raised will assist materially. But to be successful in rais- and blacks, and the effect is very ing chicks for market, the eggs of rich and pretty. The warp is black, thrifty, fast growing early-feathering fowls must be selected, and the wards the edges. For a single door eggs therefrom must be kept sepa- but one yard width is required, but rate from those intended for eating, for folding-doors, two of the same if, as is generally the case, the fowls | width are needed. The length deare of mixed blood, generally found pends on the heighth of the door. N. B .-- Genuine only with fac-simile of in barn yards. If you have not an They hang straight, that is, without Baron Leibig's improved breed, it will pay at least | fulness, and are suspended by either to secure improved males for mating | brass or wooden rings on a pole faswith the hens. While it is compar | tened to the upper part of the door-

I have seen pretty ones woven in viding a warm brooding place for stripes like a Roman scarf, but this the hen, the labor is lost if the is largely a matter of caste, They young chicks are not provided with are also prettier with narrow ball or warm quarters for at least the first tassel fringe on the front and botmonth of their lives. If intended tom. These fringes can now be for broilers, it is essential that they | bought so very reasonably that it be fed with a variety of food, rich does not add materially to the ex-

Spanish Cream.

This is one of the most delicious secured a very short time will then desserts. Put half a box of gelatine into a quart of sweet milk,keep in a warm place until the gelatine is dissolved; to this add the well-beat-The farmer who desires to excel en yolks of four eggs, and one teaand make his business as profitable cupful sugar. When scalding hot, as possible must not only endeavor but not boiling, stir in the whites, to enrich his soil so that he can beaten to a froth. Flavor with lemon grow large crops, but he must have or vanilla. Pour irto a mould, and in view the care and improvement set away in a cool place to stiffen.

Beef a la Mode

For making a la mode beef I get a four or five-pound piece of the juicy round which has no tendons. With a sharp knife make little holes means expended than to card your or incissions short distances apart, cattle every morning. Anyone who quite through the piece. Cut strips of fat salt pork or bacon dipped in of making large gains, knows that vinegar, then rolled in pepper, salt a little, finely-chopped onion and thyme or summer savory; draw and oily, and in case of milch cows these strips into the openings, lay the milk is more pure and healthy. on a pan, cover closely and steam three or four hours, or until very tender. When done thicken the gravy and pour it over it. This is very toothsome, eaten either hot or Gentlemen'S Furnishing cold.

Spiced Beef.

beef is to cook it until very tender. so that the meat will readily fall al health. In addition, by giving from the bone. Pick it up fine, takthem proper shelter I aim to keep ing out any tough, gristly pieces. away disease, which is easier than After the liquor in which the meat to cure it. I have so far found it a is cooked has cooled, remove all the good investment to give half an fat, boil it down to three teacuphour each morning to this kind of fuls; then add the picked-up meat; season to taste with pepper and salt, a little nutmeg, half a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and chopped parsley, and a trifle of summer savory or thyme, unless the flavor is disggreeable to any member of and a half pounds in weight, and the family. Mix the spices well four to six weeks old, were given as with the beef, let it boil up, then meal and milk as they would consume set in a cool place to harden. When patronage, I remain, without waste for two weeks. One cut in thin slices it makes a nice

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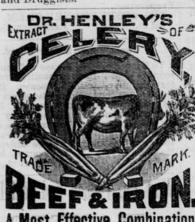
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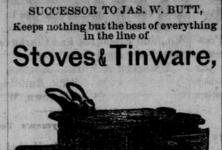
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